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FM AMEMBASSY MADRID

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3492

INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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DEPARTMENT PASS TO NTSB DUTY OFFICER DOUG DREIFUS, TEL:
703-573-8309 OR 703-698-8906(HOME) OF 426-3990(OFFICE)

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, SP

SUBJECT: SABENA B707 ACCIDENT

REF: STATE 39780

1. SPANISH CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIAL (COL. TORRES)
INFORMED EMBASSY THAT GOS WILL PROBABLY NOT REQUIRE NTSB
ASSISTANCE TO INVESTIGATE SABENA ACCIDENT. TORRES SAID
HE WOULD NOTIFY EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY IF SITUATION CHANGES
AND GOS WISHES TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF ANY KIND.

2. EMBASSY CONTACTED MADRID BOEING INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR,
PATRICK FINNIGAN, WHO SAID THAT HE HAD TALKED TO BOEING
SEATTLE FEBRUARY 15 WITH REGARD ACCIDENT. FINNIGAN IS
SURE THAT BOEING WILL BE SENDING SOMEONE TO LOOK INTO
ACCIDENT, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT HAVE SPECIFIC INFORMATION.
EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT FINNIGAN CONTACT COL. TORRES TO
COORDINATE BOEING EFFORT WITH GOS AND MAKE SURE SPANISH
ARE AGREEABLE.

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3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM PRESS AND INFORMAL COMMENTS
OF SPANISH OFFICIALS THAT PROBABLE CAUSE OF ACCIDENT
WAS TOUCHDOWN SHORT OF RUNWAY, FOLLOWED BY TWO BOUNCES
OF AIRCRAFT, WITH RESULTANT COLLAPSE OF NOSE GEAR.
WEATHER AT TIME WAS REPORTEDLY SUNNY AND CLEAR. PRESS
REPORTS STATE THAT SEVEN PASSENGERS WERE INJURED, NONE

SERIOUSLY AND NONE BURNED. AIRCRAFT REPORTEDLY COMPLETELY
DESTROYED AND TWO SPANISH GUARDIA VICIL MEMBERS REPORTED
AS SLIGHTLY BURNED IN EFFORT EVACUATE PASSENGERS.
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